

Desperate Straits for Cotton.**The Crop Unlikely to Supply Demand--Mad Rush to Buy.**

New York, Sept 5.—The day on the New York cotton exchange was characterized by terrific bull speculation, a wild stampede of shorts and violent fluctuations. Not since the great effort made last spring to corner the summer months, which it will be remembered proved a disastrous failure, has the market been so active or have prices advanced with equal rapidity. The start was to 13 points above yesterday's closing and was entirely in response to sharp bulge in the Liverpool market. It gradually developed that European speculators were in desperate straits for raw cotton and that shorts abroad were in a precarious condition, rendered the more serious by inability to secure cotton through security of freight room at southern ports. As the English market advanced the local contingent hammered away at the under pinning of the shorts who were eventually compelled to abandon their position and retreat without the least semblance of reserve. The south, Wall street and Liverpool deluged the market with buying orders and on this support the prices advanced by great strides, with the near months leading in the rise. The report that fully 500,000 pieces of print cloths had been sold in Fall River and a story to the effect that southern spot cotton holders were refusing to do business except at pronounced advances stimulated buying for both accounts in the afternoon. At the close the bulls were in full control with the market ruling firm at a net advance of 81 to 36 points.

Destitute Gold Seekers to be Brought Home.

Washington, Sept 5.—The war department is arranging to send the transport *Lewton* to Nome City, Alaska, for the purpose of bringing back the destitute American citizens at place the Reports received at the war department indicate that there are a great many men who have been unable to make a "strike" and that unless the government takes the matter in hand great suffering and starvation is likely to result.

A report from Capt Tuttle of the revenue cutter *Bear* says that a cruise along the Alaskan coast and islands shows that the natives are in a pitiful condition. Many of them have died, great numbers are sick with measles and pneumonia and starvation also threatens. Some relief has been afforded, but the destitution is worse than at any time within 50 years. Further relief will be extended.

The Siege of Ladybrand Raised.

Cape Town, Sept 5.—The siege of Ladybrand has been raised after several desperate attempts to capture the town and its little garrison of 150 British troops. The Boers who attacked Ladybrand are estimated to have numbered over 2,000 men. The British were summoned to surrender Sept 2 (Sunday) but refused, and from that time on were subjected to continual cannon and rifle fire. The burghers twice tried to rush the British position. Probably the approach of a relief force saved the little garrison.

Greatest and Oldest Trees in the World.

Washington, Sept 3.—The department of agriculture has issued a report on the investigation of the big trees of California that brings out some interesting and new conclusions. It shows that the dimensions of the big trees are unequalled; that their age makes them the oldest living things. They are described by the report as "the grandest, largest, oldest and most majestic of graceful of trees," and the rarest of known tree species, with the extreme scientific value of being the best living representatives of a former geological age.

The report says the bark of the big trees often is two feet thick, and almost non-combustible. The big trees apparently have not increased their range since the glacial epoch.

Continuing the report says: "The only grove now thoroughly safe from destruction is the Mariposa. Most of the other groves are either in process of or in danger of being logged. The very finest of all the Calaveras grove has been purchased recently by a lumberman, who came into full possession on April 1. The Sequia grove, which were supposed to embrace and give security to a large part of the remaining big trees are eaten into by a sawmill, each, and the private timber claims amounting to a total of 1,173 acres. The rest of the county patches of big trees in Calaveras, Tuolumne and Coulter counties are now disappearing by the axe."

Anderson, Sept 6.—Maj J. M. Patrick has officially announced that as a result of the recent death of the principal, Col J. T. Patrick, the Patrick Military Institute will be discontinued. With an excellent record of 30 years this grand old institution retires from the educational arena.

A Romantic Marriage.**Miss Nora Patterson of Greenville Marries a Man She Had Never Seen.**

Greenville News, Sept 2.

Miss Nora Peterson, daughter of J. C. Peterson, of Greenville, was married on Thursday to a Mr. Fred Seibert in Louisville, Ky.

Miss Peterson's father is foreman of the Greenville Lumber company, of this city. Several months ago, Miss Peterson left Greenville for Elkhart, Indiana, to spend a while with relatives. She was expected to return home in a few weeks, but since her marriage it is not known what her plans are. Her father is ignorant of his daughter's marriage and the following dispatch from Louisville, Ky. clipped from Friday's New York World will be news to him.

The following is the account of Miss Peterson's romantic marriage:

"Passengers arriving and departing from the Seventh street station here Tuesday afternoon were attracted by a young man who paced from one end of the platform to the other, holding an umbrella high over his head. He appeared about noon, and the arrival of every train was a signal for a renewal of his march. People stared and giggled, but the man appeared ignorant of the curiosity which he was arousing.

"You must be expecting rain."

"Afraid you'll be sunstruck, ain't you?"

These were a few of the jibes thrust at him, but the stranger kept up his monotonous pace.

Finally a policeman approached him. "What do you want around here, anyway?" asked the officer.

"What you got that umbrella raised for? It ain't raining, and the sun can't shine through the shed."

"I'm waiting for my bride," the stranger meekly responded. "My name is Fred Seibert and I'm from Elkhart, Ind."

He was interrupted by the officer, who said: "Now lower that sunshade; we look like two blame fools out here."

"Oh, no," answered his companion. "She might come in and not see me. You see I am waiting for the woman whom I am to marry. I never saw her, and this umbrella is the only mark by which she can know me, and I don't know her. We have not even exchanged pictures, but when she gets off the train she will look for a man with an open umbrella. When she sees that umbrella she will see her future husband. If she does not see this umbrella, I'll lose the woman that I love. We have been corresponding for a long time, and she writes lovely letters."

The young man drew a pink envelope from his pocket, patted it affectionately and said: "This is what she writes of herself: Blue eyes and light hair, weighs about 125 pounds; am 19 years old." That's her description." Then he handed the letter to the patrolman and it bore the signature of Nora Peterson, Greenville, S. C. Then Seibert continued his story.

"I came in this morning about 8 o'clock on the Big Four. Nora told me that she would be on the Baltimore and Ohio, which reaches Louisville shortly after 11 o'clock. She told me to have my umbrella raised, and I was there to meet her. But she didn't come. Then I thought that she had got off at New Albany or Jeffersonville and would come over on the electric cars. That's why I walked around with my umbrella open."

The patrolman advised Seibert to wait until 5:58 o'clock, when another train would arrive over the Baltimore and Ohio. Shortly before that hour the impatient young man took his station near the gate and waited for the train. As it pulled into the depot he rushed through the crowd and just as he reached the train a feminine voice asked: "Have you seen a man with an umbrella?"

"Here I am," shouted Seibert, and with a bound he reached her side.

They went to the Normandy hotel. After supper they left for a little while and when they returned Seibert showed the hotel clerk a marriage certificate. They left for Elkhart last night.

In a letter from Bro W. W. Lawton, of China, which reached us too late for this issue, he says: "I am sure you will all be pleased to know that all of the Southern Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist missionaries, including the gospel missionaries, are safe. Several families have returned to America, some are in Japan, others in Corea, but most are at some of the seashore ports, which are considered safe. Shanghai, for instance, has a large foreign community. The local volunteers number over one thousand, and there are eighteen foreign gunboats here, mostly English."—Baptist Courier, Sept. 6.

We have received a copy of the *Manila Times*, which is worth \$1 per month in gold; and from a perusal of its pages and a glance over its advertising columns, patronized mostly by Americans who have opened saloons in Manila, we judge the paper to be a veritable gold mine.—Spartanburg Herald.

Southern Farm Magazine.

The question of sheep versus dogs for the South is one not of sentiment, but of pure business. A dog that will kill sheep ought not to be allowed to live, however faithful it may be to its owner. Perhaps if its owner fed it properly it would not be obliged to forage among neighbors' flocks of sheep. It is time in the South for public sentiment to be thoroughly aroused against the man who will carry favor with the dog owners. More than one bird will be killed with the same stone. A thoughtful article in the Southern Farm Magazine for September on this subject by Col. J. B. Killebrew of Nashville is most timely. He estimates that if fifteen sheep were carried on every Southern farm the net results would reach \$72,200,000, or \$12,200,000 more than the value of the wheat and tobacco crops of the South. He points out that one of the great discouragements of sheep-raising is the slaughter of the sheep by curs, estimating an annual loss of \$125,000. Colonel Killebrew's article ought to be called to the attention of every voter in the South who desires, in the selection of his legislative representatives, to act for the best interests of his State, and consequently of himself. Other articles of interest in this month's issue are by I. O. Schaub on Liebig's influence upon agriculture, in which he makes the point that mental triumphs contributing to the welfare of the human race should be as captivating as military successes; by Edward Ingle on democracy and its denials, in which are traced the unconscious repudiation of democratic notions in manifestations growing out of attempts to be democratic; by Thomas P. Grady on the menace to cotton in improper baling, and a discussion of success of wheat growing in Georgia. Among the general subjects discussed are goat-raising, effects of the Chinese war upon the ginseed crop, the growing of tobacco under cover, the agricultural capabilities of the Southern States, canneries for the South and the prospects of good priced wheat. The departments are full of entertaining matter for all members of the farmer's family.

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BEFRIENDING A NEGRO.

Macon, Ga., Sept 6.—Twenty one of the representative business and professional men of Wilkeson county came into Macon today to see that a negro, Napoleon Anderson, did not lack friends if the United States commissioner should bind him over on a charge of interfering with United States officers. Henderson had taken a warrant for larceny against two revenue officers passing through the county, charging them with stealing his sugarcane. The officers gave bond and then arrested the negro, saying he had sought to interfere with the discharge of their duties. The white men of the county rose up in arms and refused with force to allow the negro to be taken away without due process of law. The officers gave up the negro and came to Macon, taking warrants for many of the white citizens. These came in today and brought the negro with them and announced that as the negro had lived an exemplary life in their midst every dollar in the county would be used to see that he was not impeded on.

The cases will all be heard this week.

Cotton Not so Scarce Since the Civil War.

Manchester, Sept 6.—The greatest interest is felt in tomorrow's meeting of the Lancashire spinners convened by the Federation of cotton spinners, at which a proposal will be brought forward to discontinue buying American spot cotton. Since the announcement was made that such a conference would be held there has been such a rush upon the smaller stocks of cotton in the hands of Liverpool brokers that today's sales advanced from 3,000 to 15,000 bales, with the result that not more than 100,000 bales are left.

Cotton has not been so scarce before since the days of the American civil war. The purchasers are chiefly employers having large contracts on hand. It is hoped that the situation may be saved by the arrival of the crop from America toward the end of the month.

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Some people object to use this class of Bagging because it is a little ragged, but we think that should make but very little difference as the best of it looks pretty tough from sampling very soon after it passes out of the farmers hands.

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